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F-1 Visa Student Checklist

Please read ALL information very carefully.

If you have any questions, you can email jhurtado@ndm.edu for assistance.

1. Pay your SEVIS Fee (I-901) online as soon as possible.

You must pay this fee before you can apply for a visa at a U.S. embassy or consulate. To pay this fee visit FMJfee.com. You must print the receipt as proof of payment; take it with you to your visa appointment and when you travel to the United States.

2. Make an appointment for your F-1 Student Visa Interview for the earliest possible date.

3. Gather and prepare the following required documents before your visa interview:

- a. **Passport** valid for travel to the United States – Your passport must be valid for at least six months beyond your period of stay in the United States.
- b. **Nonimmigrant Visa Application, Form DS-160 confirmation page.**
- c. **Application fee payment receipt**, if you are required to pay before your interview.
- d. **Photo** – You will upload your photo while completing the online Form DS-160. If the photo upload fails, you must bring one printed photo in the format explained in the “photographs requirements.”
- e. **Form I-20** – Your school will send you a Form I-20 once they have entered your information in the SEVIS database. You and your school official must sign the Form I-20. All students must be registered in the Student and Exchange Visitor System (SEVIS). Your spouse and/or minor children, if they intend live in the United States with you, will each receive an individual Form I-20.
- f. **Additional Documentation May Be Required** - A consular officer will interview you and may request additional documents, such as evidence of:
 - Your academic preparation, such as: Transcripts, diplomas, degrees, or certificates from schools you attended;
 - Your intent to depart the United States upon completion of the course of study; and
 - How you will pay all educational, living and travel costs – bring with you original bank statements and letters of financial support that you submitted with your original application to our program.

4. Contact the English Language Institute to inform them of the following:

- a. Appointment date at the embassy
- b. Result of interview, Visa approved or Denied
- c. If approved, expected date of arrival in Baltimore